

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, January 22, 2004, 7:45 a.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Jim Hewitt, Karen Kilgarin (arrived at 8:03 a.m.), Thomas Laging,, Jeff Searcy (departed at 8:40 a.m.) present. **V.J. Nelson, Patrick O'Donnell, and Kim Todd absent.**

Others: Lance Lehman (Assurity Life); Lynn Johnson, Mark Canney, and Jerry Shorney (Parks and Recreation); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Dept.)

STATED PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Mr. Searcy called the meeting to order at 7:49 a.m.

Approval of meeting notes of December 23, 2003.

The December 23, 2003 minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

Application by Assurity Life Insurance Company for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign at 1526 K Street in the Capitol Environs District.

Mr. Hewitt opened the discussion by stating that he does not have a problem with the sign. Mr. Zimmer stated that he believes the sign will fit in well in terms of scale. Mr. Lehman stated that the sign will be dimly lit, illuminating the letters and the logo.

Mr. Hewitt made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Searcy. Motion carried 4-0. Hewitt, Kilgarin, Laging, and Searcy voting 'yes'; Nelson, O'Donnell, and Todd absent.

Application by the McMaster Co. for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new building at the northwest corner of S. 13th and H Streets in the Capitol Environs District.

Mr. Zimmer stated that this project is J.L. McMaster's vision of a major residential building on 13th and H Streets. The height of the building is 57 feet with five stories. The original plan also called for a helicopter pad. The notion of having a major residential building with its own parking is not a bad idea, but whether or not it could happen is the question. If the peripheral things could be addressed, there should not be major problems.

Mr. Zimmer stated that he will send a letter to Mr. McMaster stating that the Commission would like to invite a representative from McMaster Co. to the next Capitol Environs meeting to discuss this project.

Staff Report/Miscellaneous

Mr. Zimmer informed the Commission that Glen Cekal would like to talk to the Commission about traffic circles on the South Mall at Goodhue Boulevard.

Ms. Kilgarin asked if she could have a copy of the Lincoln Mall plan, due to some safety concerns in the area.

Mr. Zimmer asked the Commission members if they would like to consider looking at a different meeting time for the Commission in order to better accommodate members' schedules. He stated that he will send out an email regarding this.

There being no further business, Mr. Searcy adjourned the meeting at 8:28 a.m.